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# H. R. 651

To direct the President to establish a commission for making recommendations to improve the Federal emergency management system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 1995

Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HOYER), introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Presidential FEMA  
5 Reform Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION ON FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGE-**  
7 **MENT REFORM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall

1 establish a commission to review the Federal emergency  
2 management system for the purpose of making rec-  
3 ommendations for improving such system.

4 (b) COMPOSITION.—The commission established  
5 under this section shall be composed of such members as  
6 the President shall appoint. Such members may include—

7 (1) representatives of the emergency manage-  
8 ment community;

9 (2) representatives of State and local govern-  
10 ments, including governments having jurisdiction  
11 over areas which have recently been struck by disas-  
12 ters and emergencies which warranted a Federal re-  
13 sponse; and

14 (3) officials of the Federal Government who  
15 have responsibilities for responding to disasters and  
16 emergencies.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
19 date of its establishment under section 2, the commission  
20 shall submit to the President and Congress a report which  
21 makes specific recommendations for improving the Fed-  
22 eral emergency management system.

23 (b) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The report under  
24 this section shall include, at a minimum, specific rec-  
25 ommendations for—

1           (1) administrative reform in existing agencies  
2           that have responsibility for responding to disasters  
3           and emergencies in the United States;

4           (2) Federal legislation necessary to implement  
5           the recommendations of the commission; and

6           (3) improving State and local emergency man-  
7           agement systems.

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